

I. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A housing for an airbag module for a motor vehicle, ~~the airbag module of the type~~ including a gas generator and an airbag, the airbag being deployable for providing impact protection for vehicle occupants, ~~the housing comprising: comprising, a hollow space for accommodation of the gas generator and the airbag, the housing further having a main housing structure and a housing cover that is connected with the main housing structure to define a hollow space for accommodation of the gas generator and the airbag, the housing cover is configured to have an outer side that~~ which faces the vehicle occupants when installed in the motor vehicle, the ~~[[main]]~~ housing cover having an inner side opposite the outer side, the inner side having forming at least one side edge material weakness formed therein which is torn open upon deployment of the airbag ~~[[.]]~~ defining an edge of the housing cover which ~~can be torn open upon deployment of the airbag, the inner side having~~ ~~[[and]]~~ a hinge material weakness formed therein defining a hinge that folds to form a cover flap upon deployment of the airbag to open ~~for the opening of the housing cover upon the deployment, the cover flap having a portion of the housing cover including the edge, the side edge material weakness and hinge material weakness are being invisible as viewed along the outer side from the side of the housing cover facing by the vehicle occupants occupant, and the housing cover is additionally connected with the main housing structure by a perforated section that tears open upon deployment of the airbag allowing the hinge to fold means of one or more perforation.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, wherein the perforated section has one or more ~~perforation is~~ perforations formed on a part of the housing which is not visible to the vehicle occupants when installed in the motor vehicle.

3. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, wherein the perforated section defines an axis of ~~[[the]]~~ a tear line of perforation that is orientated generally parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a vertical axis of the motor vehicle.

4. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, wherein the perforated section ~~one or more perforation~~ is formed on a vehicle body side housing section of the housing.

5. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, wherein the perforated section has one or more ~~perforation is~~ perforations formed between bridges, which create a connection between a vehicle body side housing section and the housing cover of the housing and wherein the connection fails upon deployment of the airbag causing the housing cover to tear away from the main housing structure as the housing cover tears at the at least one side edge material ~~weaknesses~~ weakness and hinges about the hinge material weakness .

6. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ in that wherein the perforated section ~~one or more perforation~~ is overlapped by a section of the ~~one or more~~ housing cover.

7. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising in that wherein~~ the perforated section ~~one or more perforation is arranged generally vertical,~~ and the at least one side edge material weakness and the hinge material weakness are arranged generally vertically to one another.

8. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising in that wherein~~ the hinge material weakness is formed on ~~[[an]]~~ the inner side of housing cover, which is close to and parallel to an axis of rotation of the housing cover upon deployment of the airbag.

9. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 8, ~~further comprising in that wherein~~ the hinge material weakness in the area of a flap axis is formed in such a way that the housing cover does not tear open there.

10. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising in that wherein the~~ housing ~~is composed of~~ comprises a plastic material.

11. (Currently Amended) A housing according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising in that wherein~~ the housing ~~is formed as the housing~~ ~~[[of]]~~ for a side airbag device.